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Iowa Veterans Home Partners with Franklin School

The Iowa Veterans Home (IVH) will host an event on Friday, July 18th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the IVH Malloy Leisure Resource Center to benefit the Partners in Education program. A luncheon and concert with music by country western band Deuces Wild will cap off a week of collecting classroom supplies and raising funds for Franklin School students.

For many years IVH and Franklin School have shared a Partnership in Education. This inter-generational program pairs up Franklin School students with various units at IVH. The classes involved come each month to IVH and share in activities with IVH residents. Over the course of the school year, mutually beneficial relationships develop between the students and the residents. Examples of activities include classes working on an arts and crafts project, playing games such as BINGO, UNO or working on an English assignment together.

In honor and appreciation of this longtime relationship, IVH has selected July 14 -18 to collect school supplies and cash donations for additional supplies.

The luncheon on Friday, July 18th will feature marinated and grilled chicken breast topped with mozzarella cheese and bacon, garlic potatoes, green bean casserole, cookie, lemonade or ice tea for \$4.50.

School supplies being collected at the IVH include:

#2 pencils Pencil pouches

12 ct. colored pencils Scissors - Fiskars - child size

24 ct. Crayons Glue sticks
8 ct. washable Markers Rubber erasers
Red checking pens Clip boards

Dry erase markers - fine tip Pocket folders - bottom pockets (no side pockets)

Loose leaf notebook paper Spiral notebooks - wide lined

Printer paper/computer paper

Donated items may be dropped off at the IVH Switchboard in Sheeler, in the Nursing Office in the Dack building, or in the Rehab Services Office in the Malloy building.

For more information about the Partners in Education program, contact Greg Bergeson at 752-1501 ext. 235 or Steph Affeldt at 752-1501 ext. 239.